

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1341**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Wiggins**

February 23, 2001

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An act to add Section 33409 to the Education Code, relating to school curriculum.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1341, as introduced, Wiggins. School curriculum: information collection.

Existing law provides authorized classes and courses of study for high school.

This bill would require the State Department of Education to collect specified information from all public high schools on existing academic and career-related curriculum for the purposes of establishing a clearinghouse of information on academic and career-related curriculum. The bill would require the department to make the information available upon request and on the department's Internet website to interested school districts, schools, regional occupational centers and programs, and local school-to-career partnerships to assist in the development of career technical education or vocational education courses, career pathways, and career academies.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the  
2 following:

1 (a) There are currently many reform initiatives being  
2 undertaken by schools and school districts throughout the state to  
3 develop integrated academic and career-related courses that are  
4 both rigorous and relevant to current industry practices.

5 (b) A great number of the academic and career-related courses  
6 have been approved by both the University of California and the  
7 California State University as meeting admission requirements.

8 (c) Many other schools or school districts throughout the state  
9 unfortunately do not have the resources or expertise to develop  
10 rigorous and relevant academic and career-related coursework.  
11 Likewise, many schools or school districts have taken the initiative  
12 to develop academic and career-related courses already designed  
13 by other schools or school districts and approved by the University  
14 of California and the California State University. This duplicative  
15 process can waste precious time and resources for many schools  
16 or school districts.

17 SEC. 2. Section 33409 is added to the Education Code, to  
18 read:

19 33409. The State Department of Education shall collect  
20 information from all public high schools on existing academic and  
21 career-related curriculum for the purposes of establishing a  
22 clearinghouse of information on academic and career-related  
23 curriculum. The information shall be made available upon request  
24 and on the department's Internet website to interested school  
25 districts, schools, regional occupational centers and programs, and  
26 local school-to-career partnerships to assist in the development of  
27 career technical education or vocational education courses, career  
28 pathways, and career academies. The information provided shall  
29 contain all of the following:

30 (a) Title of the course.

31 (b) Content and framework of the course.

32 (c) Whether the course has been approved by the University of  
33 California or the California State University.

34 (d) Which school or schools currently offer the course and the  
35 contact information for the school or schools.

36 (e) Appropriate contact information at the University of  
37 California and the California State University to assist in



- 1 determining whether a particular course meets their standards for
- 2 admission.

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